

the United States, and having particularly in mind the probable ability of such water users, districts, associations, or other reclamation organizations to meet such water-right charges regularly and faithfully from year to year, during periods of prosperity and good prices for agricultural products as well as during periods of decline in agricultural income and unsatisfactory conditions of agriculture.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$5,000, which shall be available for expenditure, as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, for expenses and all necessary disbursements, including salaries, in carrying out the provisions of this Act. The commission is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such employees as may be necessary for carrying out its functions under this Act without regard to civil-service laws or the Classification Act of 1923, as amended.

Appropriation authorized for expenses.

Employees.

U. S. C., pp. 81, 85.

SEC. 3. That all the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to further extend relief to water users on the United States reclamation projects and on Indian irrigation projects", approved June 13, 1935, are hereby further extended for the period of one year, so far as concerns 50 per centum of the construction charges, for the calendar year 1936: *Provided, however*, That where the construction charge for the calendar year 1936 is payable in two installments the sum hereby extended shall be the amount due as the first of such installments. If payable in one installment, the due date for the 50 per centum to be paid shall not be changed.

Relief to water users, extended.  
*Ante*, p. 337.

*Proviso.*  
Construction charges, 1936.

Approved, April 14, 1936.

#### [CHAPTER 228.]

##### AN ACT

To amend section 21 of the Act approved June 5, 1920, entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion and maintenance of the American merchant marine, to repeal certain emergency legislation, and provide for the disposition, regulation, and use of property acquired thereunder, and for other purposes", as applied to the Virgin Islands of the United States.

April 16, 1936.  
[S. 754.]

[Public, No. 520.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 21 of the Act approved June 5, 1920 (41 Stat. L. 997), entitled "An Act to provide for the promotion and maintenance of the American merchant marine, to repeal certain emergency legislation and provide for the disposition, regulation, and use of property acquired thereunder, and for other purposes", is hereby amended by adding thereto the following proviso: "*And provided further*, That the coastwise laws of the United States shall not extend to the Virgin Islands of the United States until the President of the United States shall, by proclamation, declare that such coastwise laws shall extend to the Virgin Islands and fix a date for the going into effect of same."

Virgin Islands of the United States.  
Vol. 41, p. 997.  
U. S. C., p. 2066.

Extension of coastwise laws to, deferred until date fixed by Presidential proclamation.

Approved, April 16, 1936.

#### [CHAPTER 229.]

##### AN ACT

Relating to the carriage of goods by sea.

April 16, 1936.  
[S. 1152.]

[Public, No. 521.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That every bill of lading or similar document of title which is evidence of a contract for the carriage of goods by sea to or from ports of the United States, in foreign trade, shall have effect subject to the provisions of this Act.

Carriage of Goods by Sea Act.